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1. It is reported that on 12 August the Armenian Communist Party in Lebanon voted to send recruits to Greece, following approval by Moscow. At the end of August recruiting began, primarily among Greek speaking Armenian Communists. This recruiting coincided with the return from Cyprus of Archak Sarkissian, employee at the Soviet Legation in Beirut and alleged intelligence officer for minorities in the Soviet Intelligence Service, and Evgueni Podvigin, Second Secretary at the Legation and Chief of Propaganda. In addition, Ruben Aghanov, a special delegate from Soviet Armenia in charge of repatriation, was in Lebanon at the time.
2. Another source reported, on 17 September, that several Armenian Communists had enrolled in the International Brigade, while others had joined the Greek guerrillas. Most of them left the Levant by sailboat, from Beirut and Tripoli in Lebanon, and from Haifa, an island a mile or two south of Tartus, Syria.
3. The same source has also reported that Armenians who have left the Levant and gone to Soviet Armenia have given about 200 revolvers and 400 rifles to Armenian Communist leaders remaining in Lebanon. The following men have directed the distribution of these arms among Party members:

Artin Madoyan, General Secretary of the Armenian Communist Party in Lebanon;
Moses Kandaljian / probably same as Moses Kalajia, a member of Madoyan's group, and the intermediary for all contacts between communists in Iraq and in the Levant;
Agob Zeitounian, one of the most active Armenian Communists.

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